

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/055,142	BLAESSING ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed August 26, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5,6,10,17 and 19-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 5/6/2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on August 26, 2004, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Cancellation of claims 1, 4, 7-9, 11-16 and 18 has been entered.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 17 and 19-22 are pending in the instant application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Wefers on October 12, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract, pursuant to MPEP 608.01(b), the abstract has been amended as follows,

Line 1, the recitation "is proposed" has been deleted.

In the claims,

Claim 19, line 1, the recitation "A liquid crystal display produced according to the method" has been deleted and replaced by the recitation --Method for producing a liquid crystal display--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 17 and 19-22 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 5, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 5, and specifically comprising the limitation of in which spacers are produced in a process step B1) prior to process step C) and/or B), and in which the spacers in process C) prevent contact between the functional layer and a component of printer responsible for transferring the second electrode film.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 6, 17, 20 and 21, claims 2, 3, 6, 17, 20 and 21 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 5 because of their dependency status from claim 5.

Regarding claim 10, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 10, and specifically comprising the limitation of strip-shaped ridges with overhanging edge forms that run perpendicular to the first strips are structured in a process step B2) prior to process steps B) and/or C), and in which a metal layer is applied overall in process step C), which is structured be the strip-shaped ridges as second electrode strips.

Regarding claim 19, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 19, and specifically comprising the limitation of the first and/or second electrode film being produced overall on the substrate by means of a contact printing processing which spacers are produced in a process step B1) prior to process step C) and/or B), and in which the spacers in process step C) prevent contact between the functional layer and a component of a printer responsible for transferring the second electrode film.

Regarding claim 22, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 22, and specifically comprising the limitation

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of a transparent substrate is used, and in which a transparent, electrically conductive first electrode film or electrode strips is/are produced, the face of the substrate facing the observer is dulled in at least some areas.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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